

CORONADO DEMOCRATIC CLUB GENERAL MEETING
Winn Room, Coronado Public Library, 640 Orange Avenue, Coronado, CA 92118

June 17, 2024

AGENDA

Called to Order @ 7:00pm

Quorum: yes/no

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Proposed Agenda yes

Approval of Previous General Meeting Minutes from April 11, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7pm. Agenda and minutes from April 11, 2024
Approved.

Welcome to Distinguished Visitors:

City Council Member, Carrie Downey: Shared that tomorrow is the meeting for community grant process which provides grants to community organizations. Next Winn Room subcommittee of Carrie and Casey Tanaka meeting is getting input from public and will be voting on the option in August. Carrie is on the 4th of July home front decorating contest so she encouraged everyone to participate.

Friendly Incumbent Endorsements

Rep. Scott Peters (66th B-day today) Shaina Tigar and Jason Berkovitch were present for Scott Peters in his absence because today is his birthday! Shaina as his campaign coordinator explained that Scott serves on the Budget Committee, Energy and Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security. Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing and Critical Minerals. Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

He will be in our 4th of July parade. He has secured funds for our sewage treatment crisis. Jason spoke next and explained that not much will happen in the next 5 months because of Republicans tacking on amendments to bills that are making them unrecognizable. This will continue through the election so watch for false campaigning claiming the right-wing amendments to his bills are his! Jason ended by saying that the toughest campaign will be Terra Lawson-Remers because of heavy funding by wealthy Republicans.

Terra Lawson-Remer, Vice Chair County Board of Supervisors

Terra explained the tough race she is in. Was flipped from red to blue in last election due to our democratic clubs. Now have new district boundaries with Trump supporter Kevin Falconer running. Falconer is supported by big Trump supporters and if he wins it will flip the board of supervisors to red. This will impact all our issues from homelessness, environment,

Kris Galicia Brown SWCC Trustee currently VP of board who was appointed unanimously by the board to fill an open seat and be VP. Now the seats are elected by district. It serves almost half a million people. She lives in IB has 2 daughters in HS, has been active district committees. She is involved in the Sun Coast, small business owner. Her campaign priorities include: Create innovative and equitable access to higher education for all, from high school students to seniors and continuing ed; increase connectedness to the communities; bolster dual enrollment with high schools, partnerships with 4-yr universities and specialty programming/apprenticeships, for long-term planning for the future of the region in workforce demand and providing pathways to those industry/industries needed; address the STIGMA of higher education and community colleges.

Endorsement Vote:

Candidates and representatives were asked to exit while we discussed their endorsement and vote.

Scott Peters: Susan Marrinan moved with Laura Wilkenson seconded motion to endorse. Vote to endorse was unanimous.

Terra Lawson-Remer: Connie Pinkus moved and Dawn Richards seconded. Endorsed unanimously.

Kris Galicia Brown: Mary Taylor moved and Gail Bardin seconded the motion, unanimously endorsed.

Scholarship Recipients:

Scholarship Committee Introduction of our 2024 Winners:

Southwestern College of \$1,000 each: Nelida Barajas, Rylee Campbell

Coronado High School of \$500: Chloe Von Koehe

Nelida (Nelly) was able to attend. We will work to have Chloe and Rylee at our August meeting. Nelly thanked everyone for this award and explained how important it is for her and how much it means to her. Patti Flores-Charter shared her bio and application info.

Nelida is a single mother of a 5- and 6-year-old and returning to college with the goal of a master's degree in the social science field. Through her education she knows she can provide a better future for herself and her children. She will use money to replace an unreliable laptop for school work and pay for school and housing expenses. She finds time to volunteer at homeless shelters, register voters and work on local election campaigns. Her application states, "My engagement in the political process stems from a deep-rooted passion for social justice and community advocacy...By supporting Democratic candidates and causes, I make a positive impact on my community and contribute to the advancement of progressive values." She supports education reform and access to affordable and quality healthcare services are critical issues important to Nelida as fundamental human rights." She wants to see the party "stand firmly in

support of healthcare access” and “prioritize investing in early childhood education, supporting teachers, and expanding access to higher education...”

Membership Committee:

Luan Troxel reported that we have 272 members now compared to last year just over 200 members!

Treasurers Report:

Edry Goot, treasurer, was unable to attend, so Luan Troxel provided a slide on our budget to date for 2024 that she and Edry created. The budget is still in process because the brunch committee is still finishing up the finances from our May brunch. This year donations of individuals were needed to pay our deposit for the brunch and pay for ongoing website costs. Lori then explained that in order to have the brunch our club has to put down a deposit of over \$3,000 in the fall. In addition, we have ongoing costs for the website which costs money monthly to support it. For example, each time we send out communications or update it, there is a cost. Luckily our webmaster has graciously given us greatly reduced rates. The goal of our budgeting now is to have sufficient funds to pay this deposit in the future and have sufficient funds to support our website and scholarship fund. Lori explained that dues have not been raised in decades. Because of this tentative nature of our current budget an update will be provided in August with a plan to meet our goal.

Public Policy Committee:

Lori thanked Susan Marrinan for chairing this committee and welcomed Rebecca King as new Chair.

Reporting on AB2783: Laura Wilkenson

Our current newsletter has an article on this Assembly Bill with details on the issues and the goal of the bill. Laura reviewed this very briefly for members: Assemblyman David Alvarez, Asm Tasha Boerner strongly supported this bill on the Assembly floor for us and it has the unanimous support our entire San Diego Assembly delegation.

On behalf of our Public Policy Committee she asked that the Coronado Democratic Club approve a letter of strong support for AB 2783 to be sent to the Senate Local Government Committee and Senate Appropriations Committee in Sacramento for their hearing on July 3rd.

Patti moved with Sandy Kaupp seconding the motion. Motion approved.

Go Team:

Patti Flores-Charter explained that we have 35 Go Team members but need more. Voter apathy is at an all-time high with less than 30% of county Dems voting in the primary. This election will be a battle for Terra for Board of Supervisors which has a 9-billion-dollar budget. If we lose our majority on the board, the use of these funds and the goals of the board will change radically. Terra's team will be asking for help with

canvassing in Terra's district outside of Coronado. She needs our help. The sign-up sheet was sent around the membership.

Swing Left / Vote Forward: Slide presentation

Gail Bardin explained that Vote Forward is a national org founded in 2016 after Trump was elected and has over 100 orgs working with them to get out the vote. They support canvassing, calling and letter writing. They have a strategy to take the White House, house, and key state candidates in 12 states. Gail showed slides from the Vote Forward website to see how easy it is to download letter templates; write why you vote and then prepare the letter for mailing in the fall to those voters in those key states. Many races will be tight and will be won by hundreds of votes. Vote Forward also reaches out to people who've received letters to assess the impact and improve this process.

Gail explained that she and Holly Nappen hold monthly letter writing parties at Gail's home where all the writing materials and envelopes are provided. Guests are asked to bring 20 stamps. Letter writing is first and followed by a party with food and fellowship!

Unfinished Business

New Business

Susan Marrinan from the Public Policy Fundraiser to support our website costs is planned at the home of Doris and Jim Besikoff offered for a Happy Hour in August or September

Announcements: No General Meeting in July: Join us in the July 4 Parade
Next General Meeting Aug, TBA

Adjourned @ 8:10pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Flores-Charter

Substituting for Carol Grimaud